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SUBJECT: KHMER REPRESENTATION AT U.N.

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1. PER REFTEL GUIDANCE, EMBOFF'S MET NOV 29 WITH FONOFF ASSISTANT SECRETARY LAHN. WE PARTICULARLY EMPHASIZED THAT U.S. IS LESS INTERESTED IN WINNING VOTE THAN IN AVOIDING IT ALTOGETHER, NOTED ASIAN REGIONAL JUDGMENT THAT IMPORTANT QUESTION STRATEGY IS NOT A PROMISING ONE AND POINTED OUT THAT THE FRG VOTE COULD BE DECISIVE. WE URGED THAT THE GERMANS INDICATE THEIR UNHAPPINESS WITH THE PRO-GRUNK RESOLUTION IN ORDER TO MAKE IT CLEAR TO THE INTERESTED PARTIES THAT FRG ABSTENTION IS NOT TO BE RELIED UPON.

2. LAHN TOOK NOTE OF ASIAN REGIONAL ASSESSMENT OF IMPORTANT QUESTION STRATEGY AND POSSIBLE DECISIVE CHARACTER OF FRG VOTE. HE CONFIRMED THAT THE GERMANS WERE UNHAPPY ABOUT THE PRESENT SITUATION AND, GIVEN CONFIDENTIAL

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LACK OF FRG RELATIONS WITH BOTH LON NOL AND SIHANOUK,

PREFERRED IF POSSIBLE TO ABSTAIN. LAHN SAID THE FRG WOULD IN FACT ABSTAIN IF SUCH A COURSE WOULD NOT HAVE A DECISIVE INFLUENCE ON THE VOTE. HOWEVER, LAHN SAID THE GERMAN U.N. DEL IS INSTRUCTED TO VOTE AGAINST RPT AGAINST THE PRO-GRUNK RESOLUTION IF SUCH AN FRG VOTE WOULD BE DECISIVE. LAHN ADDED THAT, IN VIEW OF U.S. COMMENTS, THE GERMAN U.N. DEL NOW WILL BE INSTRUCTED ALSO TO INDICATE THEIR DISCOMFORT ABOUT THIS ITEM WITH INTERESTED PARTIES IN BONN AND NEW YORK IN ORDER TO ASSURE THAT ABSTENTION BY FRG WILL NOT BE COUNTED UPON BY THOSE PARTIES.

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